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PROJECT SAFE CHILDHOOD RESULTS IN TERRE HAUTE MAN SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, Steven DeBrot, Assistant United States Attorney, and Alice S. Fisher, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, announced that DALE SCHOFFSTALL, age 45, of Terre Haute, Indiana, was sentenced today by District Court Judge Larry J. McKinney to 87 months of imprisonment following his plea to one count of distributing of child pornography. SCHOFFSTALL'S charge was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Indiana State Police.

By pleading guilty, SCHOFFSTALL admitted that in or about September 2005, he knowingly distributed a computer disk containing multiple image files of child pornography in interstate or foreign commerce through the U.S. Mail. The child pornography allegedly involved visual depictions of minors under the age of 18 years engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

The case was prosecuted by Steven D. DeBrot, Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of Indiana, and Darcy Katzin, Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section. Judge McKinney also sentenced SCHOFFSTALL to serve a life term of supervised release upon his release of imprisonment.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Type Attorneys

Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

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